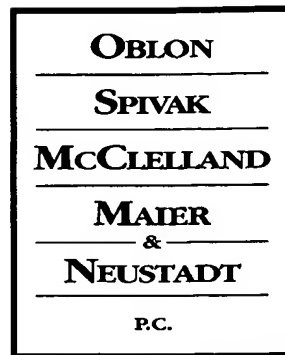




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/807,186  
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Filing Date: March 24, 2004  
For: DISPLAY APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME  
Group Art Unit: 2871  
Examiner: KIM, R.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Respectfully submitted,

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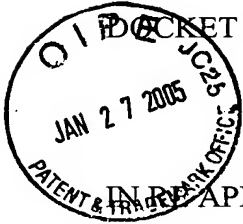
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In response to the election requirement dated December 28, 2004, Applicants provisionally elects with traverse Group I, drawn to display apparatus, classified in class 349, subclass 158. Applicants further elect Species (1) identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figure 2, for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1-8 and 20 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Furthermore, while the Election Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to patentably distinct species, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Although the outstanding Official Action does not identify search classifications, it is believed that the claims of the present application would have to be searched in a handful of

sub-classes. Furthermore, since electronic searching is commonly performed, a search may be made of a large number of, or theoretically all, subclasses without substantial additional effort. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the Election Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner, whereas it would be a serious burden on Applicants to prosecute and maintain separate applications.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-46 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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